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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

KATSUTO NAGANO ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: EL DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--4. (Amended) The EL device according to claim 2, wherein said first electrode contains one or two or more or Ni, Ag, Au, Pd, Pt, Cu, Ni, W, Fe, and Co or any one of Ag-Pd, Ni-Mn, Ni-Cr, Ni-Cr, Ni-Co and Ni-Al alloys.--

Please add new Claim 5 as follows:

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--5. The EL device according to claim 3, wherein said first electrode contains one or two or more of Ni, Ag, Au, Pd, Pt, Cu, Ni, W, Fe, and Co or any one of Ag-Pd, Ni-Mn, Ni-Cr, Ni-Cr, Ni-Co and Ni-Al alloys.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the fifth paragraph at page 10 with the following:

--When firing is carried out in an oxidizing atmosphere, metals that are not converted to oxides in the oxidizing atmosphere should preferably be used. To be more specific, one or two or more of Ag, Au, Pt, Rh, Ru, Ir, and Pd may be used, although Ag and Pd was well as Ag-Pd alloys are particularly preferred.--

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The amendment to the specification corrects a typographical error. The amendment to the claims and new Claim 5 corrects the improper multiple dependency of original Claim 4. New Claim 5 is supported by Claim 4 as originally filed. No new matter would be added by entry of these amendments.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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